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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Benjamin E Lanier

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 15-24, 36-43 and 49 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 25-32, 34, 35, 44, 45, 47, 48 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3, 9, 12, 33 and 46 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 June 1999 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment of claims 1, 25, and 44 has been fully considered and is entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see Amendment D, filed 06 April 2004, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 25-29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 44, 45, 47, and 48 under Halter have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of The Open Group.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, 13, 25-29, 32, 34, 35, 44, 45, 47, 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by The Open Group, "X/Open Single Sign-On Service (XSSO) – Plugged Authentication Modules". Referring to claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 25, 26, 29, 32, 34, 44, 45, 47, Open Group discloses a single sign-on service wherein an end user need only sign-on once in order to access multiple domains (Page 3). The user provides at log-on any and all information necessary to provide a user session on the workstation. The XSSO sign-on service provides an authentication mechanism for multiple components for implementing user authentication and session establishment whilst maintaining a common interface for the calling

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application, which meets the limitation of providing a configurable security key manifest operative to contain a non-prespecified number of security keys. The XSSO sign-on service has a service cache that provides storage for sign-on information obtained or derived as a part of the primary sign-on operation from which it can be retrieved for use in subsequent secondary sign-on operation during the current user session (Page 10), which meets the limitation of accepting new key attribute data to produce a configured security key manifest and generation of at least one new security key for the subscriber based on received key attribute data contained in the configured security key manifest. Pages 14-17 and 38 further outline the authentication procedures of the single sign-on method illustrating the authentication of an old authentication token and the generation of new authentication tokens. Pages 110 and 114 disclose that the authentication token can be cryptographic keys in symmetric or asymmetric form, which meets the limitation of generating a new public key pair for the subscriber based on content of the configurable security key manifest.

Referring to claims 5, 6, 10, 27, 28, 35, 48, Open Group discloses that the XSSO sign-on support services caches the user authentication information (Pages 10-11), which meets the limitation of the configured security key manifest including subscriber data and authentication data. The information retrieved or derived during the primary sign-on operation may be cached (Page 20), which meets the limitation of preexisting credential set. In order for the user to authenticate with a secondary domain, a secondary sign-on operation is run that retrieves the information cached during the primary sign-on operation and is used to create secondary authentication information (Pages 20, 70, 72, 77, 83), which meets the limitation of comparing the updated security key manifest to the preexisting credential set containing at least one

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preexisting cryptographic security key and updating the preexisting credential set based on the comparison.


Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 15-24, 36-43, and 49 are allowed.
6. Claims 3, 9, 12, 30, 33, 46 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
The prior art does not disclose a security key manifest as described in the present application that can receive new key attribute data through a configurable security key manifest template, or that the configured security key manifest is digitally signed.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin E Lanier whose telephone number is 703-305-7684. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30am-5:00pm, F 7:30am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on (703)305-1830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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